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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF MOVE OF EMBASSIES AND FOREIGN  
MINISTRY TO RIYADH

1. PARAGRAPH TWO CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A SAUDI NEWS AGENCY STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THE SAUDI PRESS ON AUGUST 10 ON THE SUBJECT OF THE MOVE OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO RIYADH. WE CONSIDER IT TO BE AUTHORITATIVE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ROYAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DECISION CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EMBASSIES FROM JIDDA TO RIYADH ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL SOURCE. (PARA) THE SOURCE SAID THAT SITES HAD BEEN CHOSEN BY THE HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RIYADH. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BUILDING WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON A PART OF THE PROPERTY OF THE ROYAL GUARDS AT AN-NASRIYAH STREET . . . A SITE HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE EMBASSIES TO THE WEST OF DAR'IYAH AND NORTH OF THE BROADCASTING ANTENNA. PRIVATE PROPERTY HAS BEEN EXPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (PARA) ROYAL APPROVAL HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO THE FORMATION OF A HIGHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE MOVE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EMBASSIES. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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GOVERNOR OF RIYADH CHAIRMAN

DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF RIYADH VICE CHAIRMAN

MAYOR OF RIYADH            MEMBER AND RAPPORTEUR

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER    MEMBER

DEPUTY MINISTER FOR

MUNICIPALITIES AND VILLAGE   MEMBER

AFFAIRS

DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE   MEMBER

DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC   MEMBER

WORKS AND HOUSING

(PARA) THE COMMITTEE HAS HELD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS.

AN OFFICE FOR THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN

RIYADH. DR. MOHAMMED BIN ABD AL AZIZ AL ASH-SHAYKH

HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS DIRECTOR AT THE OFFICE AND HAS

ALREADY ASSUMED HIS DUTIES.

(PARA) A CONSULTING COMPANY FOR PLANNING AND SUPERVISION

OF THE MOVE WILL BE CHOSEN. GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE

SELECTED FOR HOUSING OF FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF UPON

THEIR TRANSFER TO RIYADH. END TEXT.

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